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## PREFACE

From 2009 through late October 2012, I ran a blog known as the X-Cop Fly Company ([www.xcopfly.com](http://www.xcopfly.com)) which varied in its nature over the years. I was never able to decide what I wanted it to be – the site had been a personal journal, political commentary, personal photos, and humorous videos at various times.

However, over time people were noticing my political columns, and some of my columns were reproduced at Brian Duffy's Repeal the 17<sup>th</sup> Amendment blog (<http://repealthe17thamendment.blogspot.com>), with myself being interviewed on several episodes of his podcast, and eventually my site was listed at Librabase ([www.librabase.com](http://www.librabase.com)), a blog aggregator with a rating system similar to Digg's.

It became apparent that I needed a separate blog devoted to conservative and libertarian political commentary. LibertyColumns.com ([www.libertycolumns.com](http://www.libertycolumns.com)) was created in June 2012, with several columns from the X-Cop Fly Company re-posted there.

As with X-Cop Fly Company, I opted to waive all rights on most of the self-written material, choosing Creative Commons' CC0 1.0 Universal Public Domain Dedication, while retaining the copyright on a few things (and, of course, avoiding violating others' copyrights)

One of the things I did with X-Cop Fly Company is publish a series of eBooks known as *The Fly Papers*. These eBooks, separated into volumes, contained all posts (usually 6 months' worth per volume) with copyrighted content stripped, and the eBooks are themselves waived under the Creative Commons CC0 1.0 Universal Public Domain Dedication. This was done for several reasons, most notably the lack of public domain material in the face of popular copyleft and non-commercial-use licensing. Completely waiving the material would encourage historical preservation, increase financial opportunities for all who would make use of it, discourage anti-American multiculturalism, and discourage the restrictive nature of copyright, which is increasingly being viewed as a super-property right with infinitely-expanding terms.

In order to legally waive the rights on *The Fly Papers*, copyrighted content (such as quotes from news articles) was summarized in italicized brackets. However, as the X-Cop Fly Company began to include political commentary, the chapterless post-by-post nature made this material impossible to read.

After setting up LibertyColumns.com, I decided to make a similar *LibertyColumns.com Library* eBook series. As these are original columns rarely making use of material from other sources, the need to summarize linked articles is rare and, if needed, is done via simple footnotes.

Volume I of *LibertyColumns.com Library*, released in July 2012, contained all posts from 2009 through 2011. These were not "LibertyColumns.com posts" but rather X-Cop Fly Company posts which were copied over to LibertyColumns.com after LibertyColumns.com was created. By including them in *LibertyColumns.com Library*, the columns become easier to read (as per the formatting described above).

Volume II of *LibertyColumns.com Library*, released in September 2012, contained all posts from January through August 2012. The May 2012 column ended the copied-over X-Cop Fly Company posts, with the June through August columns originating from LibertyColumns.com.

Volume III of *LibertyColumns.com Library* contains all posts from September 2012 through the week of December 16, 2012. Volume III is the "Doomsday Edition" of *LibertyColumns.com Library*, as it covers the blog up to the week of December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012 which, according to various predictions and religions (some of which give December 23<sup>rd</sup>), begins a major natural disaster or massive social change of some sort. (The final column of this volume addresses the issue.) The second-to-last week of December (beginning with the 23<sup>rd</sup>) will be added to the future Volume IV, provided I am still alive and well :) (New Year's Day 2013 begins on the week of December 30<sup>th</sup>.)

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I hope this work proves itself enjoyable to many and will encourage further expansion of the public domain and a loosening of copyright laws and lessening of copyright terms around the world. I look forward to working on Volume IV further into 2013.

Daniel R. Quintiliani (owner, [LibertyColumns.com](http://LibertyColumns.com))

December 20, 2012

## Boycott Amazon.com

*September 7, 2012*

A month or so ago I pre-ordered an item from Amazon.com, only to find a higher charge on my credit card.

Apparently Amazon.com, once the enemy of Internet sales taxes, decided to charge sales tax in Pennsylvania beginning this month.

The tax was not very much, as it only applied to a single item which was less than \$10. But there was no reason for it, and I was given no advance warning about this tax.

I recalled reading earlier this summer that Amazon wanted to expand distribution centers into various states, and like many other businesses, are embracing Big Brother. And beginning in September 2012, they had come to the Little Brother who claims partial ownership of me.

Our pro-Obama "Tea Party Republicans" in the House, who have done nothing but spend money on Obama's bailout programs and Obama's left-wing causes, are now revisiting Internet sales taxes. Recall that "TEA" stood for "Taxed Enough Already" – now it apparently stands for "Taxing Every American", as they need to tax every American in order to waste money on King Obama, foreign banks, and liberal causes like environmentalist schemes and abortionists.

Somebody needs to do something, and for now at least, that somebody can be you.

As you may know, thanks to a fictitious "vote" read off a teleprompter<sup>1</sup> at the 2012 Republican National Convention last week, all Republicans have essentially lost the right to vote in primaries, changing the GOP into the CCCP<sup>2</sup>, and sending home the Tea Party for good. So it's not going to come from our replaceable delegates listed on the ballot.

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<sup>1</sup> The video was linked here and embedded above this paragraph.

<sup>2</sup> Daniel McCarthy of *The American Conservative* posted a graphic on the magazine's blog, consisting of (1) the cover of the September 10, 2012 issue of the *National Review*, which was a painting of Romney and Ryan holding an American flag, a pro-Romney message, and other information below, alongside (2) a very similar CCCP propaganda poster. The *American Conservative* blog article was here, no picture was embedded on LibertyColumns.com

There is something you can do for a while, however – Boycott Amazon.com. Go to places like eBay where you can buy things from warehouses and vendors in any state or country you want. (I myself rarely use Amazon, almost always using places like eBay and Newegg.) And if you don't like the industry, buy used (if at all). Trade with your friends, go to yard sales, and local charities often sell donated items as well.

As Barack Obama increasingly becomes an unavoidable personality cult in our lives, broadcasting via his Little Red Mainstream Media into our homes and schools, we are losing freedom by the day. Avoid the State and its sympathizers as best as you can while you still have the chance. And if you haven't already, **start today with a boycott of Amazon.com.**



## 2016: Obama's America – A Review By LibertyColumns.com

September 9, 2012<sup>3</sup>

Tonight I thought I'd go to the movie theater and watch *2016: Obama's America*. The late-night slot was about to be closed, so since I wanted to see the movie before the election, I thought I'd watch it while I still had the chance.

*2016: Obama's America* has been frequently promoted during the product placement segments of conservative talk radio shows. I looked up information on the movie, and found out it promoted the theories promoted by Dinesh D'Souza – that being Obama growing up in a family with anti-colonial views influencing his anti-American policies. I was not familiar with D'Souza's name, but I remembered hearing about someone promoting this idea.

The movie was primarily a critique of Obama's book *Dreams From My Father*. Obama's father, Barack Obama Sr., had died when President Obama was a child. In part due to anti-American sentiment, Obama Sr. had divorced his wife while she was pregnant, moving back from Hawaii to Kenya. President Obama had only briefly seen his father during his childhood.

Obama's family members were discussed and interviewed. You may have heard of President Obama's brother George who lives in Kenya, but Obama actually has many half-brothers and half-sisters due to tribal polygamy and divorces.

Many of Obama's family members hated the Western colonial powers, while others embraced our technological contributions, and values of liberty and democracy. The movie argued that Obama's foreign policy of bankrupting America while improving the economies and strength of Islamic and other foreign nations is actually a means of revenge against the West, backed by being raised in an anti-colonial family and the psychology of accomplishing what his absent father would have wanted.

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<sup>3</sup> At the top of this post was a scanned image of two tickets for the movie at a nearby theater (Majestic Cinemas of Westfall Township, Matamoras, PA). One was for myself, the other for my father. The showing we attended was on Friday, September 7, 2012 @ 10:00 PM (EDT). Price of each ticket: \$10 per adult.

Poverty in America and poverty in other nations were compared, the latter obviously being much worse. The stability and economic environment of colonized nations before and after their independence were discussed, with D'Souza arguing that abandonment of Western values and technology made these nations much worse after they became independent from foreign powers.

The movie also discussed Obama's ideological influences, who he calls "Obama's Founding Fathers". Weather Underground member Bill Ayers and Hawaiian CPUSA member Frank Marshall Davis were among those discussed. Obama's massive deficits, anti-domestic-drilling (but pro-foreign-drilling), and anti-military policies were shown with graphs and pictures.

The only thing I didn't like about the movie was how it accepted the official story of Obama being born in Hawaii, and referred to two Hawaiian newspapers which verified his Hawaiian birth to be true. But regardless, I was happy with **2016: Obama's America**, and would recommend others watch the movie as soon as they can before the upcoming election.

## Hollywood: Harassing American Families, Groveling to Terrorists

September 16, 2012

Last Tuesday, September 11th, 2012, "Download Martyr" Jammie Thomas-Rasset, a random person who has been made an example of Hollywood's Mafia might, had her \$9250-per-song fine upheld by the 8th Circuit court. Thomas-Rasset was unable to argue that the \$220,000 damages levied on her in 2009 were too excessive. She intends for the case to reach the Supreme Court.

On the following day, a mob of Muslim terrorists attacked the American Consulate in Benghazi, Libya, killing several Americans.

The terrorist attacks, which led to further anti-American riots in the Middle East, centered around an independent movie entitled *Innocence of Muslims*.

This film, which has not yet been released except for a brief trailer (which was later dubbed into Arabic), resembles *Monty Python's The Life of Brian*, slightly irreverent but nothing too malicious.<sup>4</sup>

The video was later dubbed into Arabic, and the movie was jokingly marketed as a 5-million-dollar production by a Jewish real estate developer.

Where is Hollywood?

If our half-American<sup>5</sup> entertainment cartel claims intellectual "property" is equivalent to physical property, and that extortion of money and intimidation of 10-year-old children<sup>6</sup> regarding unapproved use of physical objects is justifiable on the same grounds as self defense, why are they allowing insane religious fanatics to actually destroy and threaten both their properties and their lives?

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<sup>4</sup> The video trailer for *Innocence of Muslims* was embedded below this paragraph. I noted this video was repeatedly flagged and to search for "Innocence of Muslims" on YouTube.

<sup>5</sup> I was referring to the fact that of the seven companies of the Hollywood Mafia, only three are American. This word was linked to the July 13, 2012 blog post "Graduated Suicide: How the "Mafia ISPs" Have DoS'ed Themselves to Death", available in *LibertyColumns.com Library: Volume II (2012, January through August)*

<sup>6</sup> Here I was referring to the Tanya Andersen case (and linked to a 2007 article on *The Register* about it). When Tanya Andersen sued rather than pay the RIAA a settlement fee, they intimidated Tanya's 10-year-old daughter Kylee Andersen via "counseling" during school time, after lying to the school that they were Kylee's grandmother.

During the 2005 Jyllands-Posten Muhammad cartoon riots, Viacom censored the anti-censorship politics of the TV show South Park, also banning a pre-9/11 episode featuring a cartoon Muhammad – from television, the official South Park site, Amazon, Netflix, and other streaming video sites.

In addition to the Muhammad cartoon riots, this censorship was in part due to the violence in reaction to *Submission*, an anti-Muslim movie whose author Theo Van Gogh had been killed, and *Fitna*, whose producer<sup>7</sup> managed to escape many death threats and a bogus "hate speech" trial.

Years later, South Park released their 200th anniversary episode, a two-part episode featuring all the characters from previous shows. After the first episode suggested that the cartoon Muhammad would finally be seen the next week, someone from a known terrorist organization called "Revolution Muslim" told Trey Parker, Matt Stone, and others at Viacom to prepare for "likely" violence in the style of Theo Van Gogh's death.

Viacom reacted by bleeping the words "Muhammad" and "prophet" throughout the episode, as well as a long bleep through the entire "moral of the story" typical at the end of their episodes.

Future episodes eliminated the "moral of the story" at the end completely, mocking anti-establishment figures like Julian Assange and Ron Paul. Also, the anti-Semitic character Eric Cartman announced his conversion to Judaism, with no further character or plot development, or any discussion of Judaism in future episodes.

Hollywood, the great defender of property rights, allowed violent religious extremists to destroy their own property and threaten their writers and producers.

Hollywood needs to leave low- and middle-class American parents like Thomas-Rasset and 10-year-old children like Kylee Andersen<sup>8</sup> alone, stop groveling in the face of Muslim terrorism, and wield their Mafia might against those who truly deserve it.

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<sup>7</sup> Geert Wilders

<sup>8</sup> See footnote #6

## **A Brand-New Economic System: The Scariest Halloween In History Is On Its Way**

*October 8, 2012<sup>910</sup>*

Imagine a world where all exchanges of any kind, from the tree to the pencil<sup>11</sup>, at every step, requires clearance from a lawyer.

Imagine a world where everything must be permanently and irreversibly discarded into the garbage after use.

Imagine a world where any act of charity to anyone in need is a felony.

Well, it's on it's way, and capitalism as we know it is about to change.

And not to socialism. Or communism. Or fascism. Or anarchism.

But to something never invented before.

This is a completely new economic system, unlike any in the history of the world – a frightening economic system, and just in time for Halloween.

*Kirtsaeng v. John Wiley & Sons, Inc.* will be argued at the Supreme Court on October 29, 2012. This is a copyright lawsuit which will decide whether used copyrighted goods manufactured in foreign countries can be exchanged in the United States.

Since the early 1900s, the courts have declared this legal for goods manufactured in the United States, and has made eBay, Amazon, recycling of toxic consumer products, and donations of food and clothing possible.

That was 100 years ago.

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9 From a blog post dated October 16, 2012: "The column of September 24, 2012 and its contents are officially revoked, and LibertyColumns.com does not endorse the column, its contents, or any past, present, or future publication of them." Neither post has been included in this book.

10 A blog post dated October 5, 2012, stated that there would not likely be a column on that week due to me being busy, with a suggestion that I might "double up" the following week. I instead made a flow chart of the 2012 election. The flow chart was created on October 11, 2012, and dedicated to the public domain according to the Creative Commons CC0 1.0 Universal Public Domain Dedication. See the October 11, 2012 blog post "Flow Chart: The Obama Years, 2008-2013", available in this volume, for details and the graphic.

11 Here I linked to "I, Pencil", the famous 1964 essay by Leonard Read, hosted on the web site of the Ludwig von Mises Institute. The full essay was available on the page for reading.

Now we are in the age of free trade, the Internet, and manufacturing overseas.

We are also in the age of the Hollywood Mafia, frivolous lawsuits, and the most anti-free-market-yet-pro-business Supreme Court in the history of the United States. Store-scouting ASCAP henchmen frequently tell their victims that ASCAP has never lost a lawsuit since the 1960s.

Two lower courts have ruled that allowing copyright holders to control any exchange of foreign-manufactured physical products is permissible. This Halloween, the Supreme Court will probably set it into stone.

And to top it off, Obama has dumped the Environazis and anti-free-traders for the Hollywood Mafia with his newly-filed brief.

Since 1989, almost everything is automatically copyrighted upon completion.

If the decision of both lower courts are upheld, the Supreme Court will be criminalizing, partially or fully:

1. Giving packaged food and “Made in China” clothing to the poor
2. Lending a friend a book or movie
3. Selling something “unapproved” at any point from the warehouse to the store
4. Soup kitchens
5. Recycling Chinese-made electronics containing lead and mercury
6. Religions that mandate tithing, such as Mormonism

...when the copyright holder disapproves.

As this would only apply to overseas manufacturing, more overseas manufacturing would be encouraged. Your children’s copyrighted Big Bird<sup>12</sup> lunch boxes would definitely contain more Chinese lead.

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12 Mitt Romney had recently stated during one of the 2012 Presidential debates that while he loves Big Bird and the educational value of Sesame Street, we should not have government funding of PBS. This led to massive protests, both via real life and Web 2.0, using the image of Big Bird as a protest against Romney and his would-be plans to cut an unnecessary government expense which is primarily funded via private grants (not to mention profits from Sesame Street merchandise.) By referencing Big Bird, I was subtly implying that this case (which, after the arguments on October 29<sup>th</sup> will be decided sometime early in 2013) is far more important than funding of PBS.

This is a horrifying world where the only items to exchange hands are Federal Reserve Notes.

A world where both Christian charity and Earth worship are felonies.

A world where the Hollywood Mafia, Big Agribusiness, and Big Pharma no longer encourage us to be selfish, worldly, polluting, wasteful, and self-destructive – but force us by law to be that way.

Congress is completely crippled.

Even the President is merely giving his destructive opinion.

“Petitions to the President” float around the Internet, but in this case, they have no effect.

This is a brand new economic system.

And it is likely to begin on October 29, 2012, two days before Halloween.

The scariest Halloween in the history of the world is here to stay.

## **Flow Chart: The Obama Years, 2008-2013<sup>13</sup>**

*October 11, 2012*

The chart is a timeline colored by the year's prevailing ideology (liberalism blue, conservatism red), with four paths colored by closest political party (DINO & Liberal both blue, Conservative & RINO both red).

Featured are the actions of the four different factions, including the illegal repeal of Republicans' right to vote for delegates, the pro-Obama activities of our "Occupy Wall Street Republicans" in Congress, pro-Romney election fraud, the neocon coup of the Tea Party, Obama's class warfare tactics against Romney this election, and what we all know will come of it.

The image is a 1000×1600 large 22KB JPG file, and is waived public domain (CC0 1.0 Universal definition). Please copy, share, spread, and publish this image everywhere you can! Thank you!

*[The flow chart, scaled to fit, picture is on the next page.]*

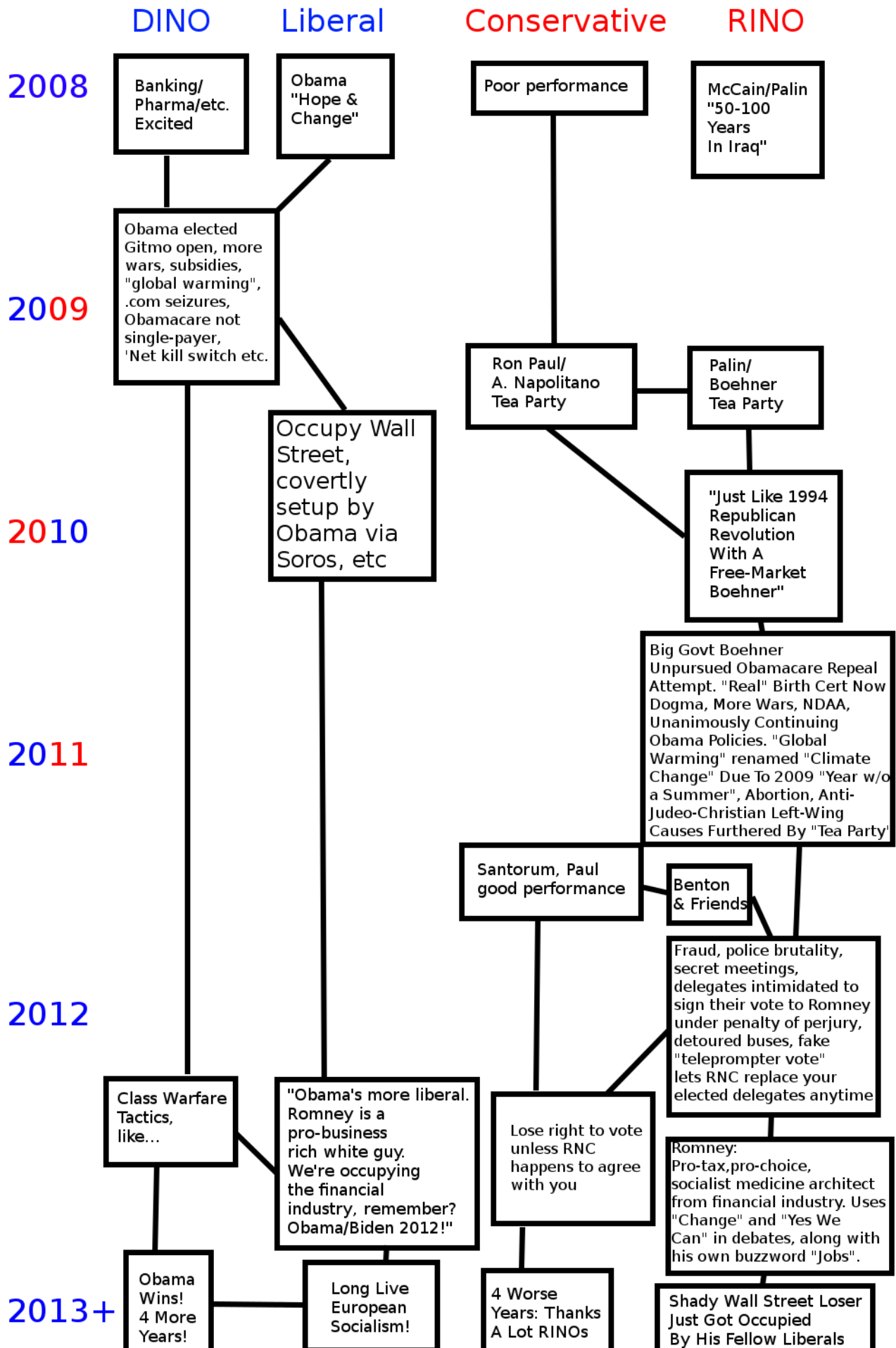
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<sup>13</sup> See footnote #10 for more info on this post (and why it was done on the same week).



# The Obama Years

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## **Islam In The Classroom: A Danger To Our Children<sup>14</sup>**

*October 25, 2012*

Last week, a very disturbing incident of child abuse made headlines, at least in many conservative outlets.

A Muslim teacher in Chesapeake, VA, who proudly preaches Islam in the classroom as superior to all religions, injured the hand of a cognitively disabled student who was incapable of making a sacred Islamic hand symbol.

The teacher, Tara Harris, yanked the girl's hand, dragging it bloodily through the metal underneath the desk, in order to force the student to engage in a Muslim religious practice.

While even a moment of silence in the classroom is illegal in the United States, teachers are not stopped from promoting Islam if they can get away with it. Children's textbooks are even promoting "Crusades denial", denying Muslims ever invaded the Holy Land, instead defining it as Christians murdering Jews and Muslims for no apparent reason.

Bill Nye "The Science Guy" released a YouTube video<sup>15</sup> some time ago about evolution, stating that teaching children about creationism is psychologically harmful, since it blocks the mind from pursuing science and has an effect on America's future.

This is why they call it "faith" – religion is either questioning proven facts or attempting to "fill in the blanks" when the answer cannot (or cannot yet) be proven.

Regardless of what you believe in, you believe it to be objective fact. Even the belief that you might be wrong, or believing something different might be applicable to others, is still part of your system of objective facts.

Because people's beliefs can often conflict, we have a secular school system that teaches what can and has been explained, with the unexplained left to the home.

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<sup>14</sup> See #9

<sup>15</sup> Linked here and embedded above this paragraph

Muslims, however, want an entire world governed by one textbook – that is, the Quran. By promoting this one Islamic answer in the classroom, using the violence this answer endorses, you are creating far more damage than illegally teaching Judeo-Christian creationism. Christianity is a matter of personal choice, and there are many ways to interpret the Bible, including whether the story of Adam and Eve is literally true or only relevant morally.

Not so with Islam – so far, the Quran is entirely literal to them, and as the Quran teaches, Islam must be implemented through force.

If we are to maintain a secular public school system, we need to be honest about religion. We cannot “skip over” the Crusades any more than we “skip over” the Holocaust. We cannot “skip over” creation myths any more than we can “skip over” proven biology. Unfortunately liberals in the school system have forced us by law to ignore the Judeo-Christian creation myth and, oddly, seem to show increasing support for ignoring the Crusades.

## **Mitt Romney: A Loser From Day One<sup>16</sup>**

*November 8, 2012*

As you know (and probably expected), Barack Obama has won a second term and a socialist blank check. Remember that early in his first term he nationalized failing banks like Bank of America, took over the student loan system, turned General Motors into a union-run syndicalist institution. Later on he seized domain names and, with the help of a Republican Congress, earned the right to kill or deport any American via an amendment to the annual defense budget, that is, the NDAA of 2012.

Drones are being rolled out in our skies through 2020, children are being molested at airports, and Muslim theocracy is being encouraged all over the world, all because of Obama and our Occupy Wall Street Republicans in Congress who fund every liberal program and cause their King demands.

Along comes Mitt Romney, a Clintonite, inventor of forced fallback insurance mandates, supporter of Planned Parenthood funding.

Strange things, including violent beating of delegates by law enforcement, intimidation via secret meetings and contracts, and repeatedly detoured buses, happen to other candidates and their delegates.

All Republicans lose the right to vote for delegates and, indirectly, the entire primary election, via a fictitious "vote" read off a teleprompter at the 2012 Republican National Convention.

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<sup>16</sup> From the November 1, 2012 blog post entitled "No column this week due to Hurricane Sandy": "Due to Hurricane Sandy, there will be no column this week....Power was out here for several days, and there is a minor risk of it possibly going out again.....Much of my area (Pike County, PA) is without power, and across the Delaware River are New Jersey and New York, both in horrible shape. I ask that you keep the people of the Northeast United States in your prayers. Thank you, LibertyColumns.com."

The Mainstream Media 1.0, who refuses to tread on Obama's nastiness, convinces the Republican voting base that this man, a rich white male, who says he is "pro-business", worked in the financial industry (that is, Wall Street), will win the votes of Democrats and independents. The MSM promoted Romney this way while ignoring the fact that the "independents" who voted for Obama were not politically-minded people who refused to identify with a party, but "Obamaphoners" who were convinced that Obama would remove the worries of gas and mortgage payments from their lives if they were to assist him in the election.

The American people have been robbed of their country. This isn't about big or small government, conservative or liberal, or libertarian. This is about malicious people intent on destroying the life, liberty, and property of every American, and will lie, cheat, steal, molest, and murder to do so.

Already are our politicians, Republican and Democrat, discussing disarming the defense system and the American people via the UN. This was in planning for a while, with support from Republicans after the "Batman murders". But with Obama's new blank check, along with a pro-Obama "Tea Party" Congress, the words "United" "States" and/or "America" may very well not be found in the name of this country by the time Obama leaves office, if Congress will even care to force him out.

Be glad the Internet is still here, allowing you to read blogs and information the pro-Obama "conservative" media refuses to discuss. Ignore "technical difficulties" on C-SPAN when congressmen discuss the NDAA – watch on YouTube or Ustream instead.

From now on, we all will be even further damaged by Obama and the other enemies of the United States and its people. Pray for this nation, and especially pray for the ones you love, because the rest of our lives will never be the same.

## **Ron Paul's Farewell Speech**

*November 17, 2012*

*Below is the entire text of Ron Paul's farewell speech to Congress, given on November 14, 2012.*

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### **Farewell to Congress**

**Rep. Ron Paul**

**Delivered on the House Floor, November 14, 2012**

This may well be the last time I speak on the House Floor. At the end of the year I'll leave Congress after 23 years in office over a 36 year period. My goals in 1976 were the same as they are today: promote peace and prosperity by a strict adherence to the principles of individual liberty.

It was my opinion, that the course the U.S. embarked on in the latter part of the 20th Century would bring us a major financial crisis and engulf us in a foreign policy that would overextend us and undermine our national security.

To achieve the goals I sought, government would have had to shrink in size and scope, reduce spending, change the monetary system, and reject the unsustainable costs of policing the world and expanding the American Empire.

The problems seemed to be overwhelming and impossible to solve, yet from my view point, just following the constraints placed on the federal government by the Constitution would have been a good place to start.

### **How Much Did I Accomplish?**

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<sup>17</sup> This paragraph further stated that the recorded video (which was embedded below the paragraph) was copyrighted, along with a notice that the post immediately following this one ("Why Libertarianism Fails: Thoughts On Ron Paul's Speech", available in this volume) was a response by LibertyColumns.com to the speech. The public domain transcript has been reproduced in its entirety both for general long-term archival purposes and relevance to the column "Why Libertarianism Fails: Thoughts On Ron Paul's Speech". Publication of the transcript on LibertyColumns.com and in *LibertyColumns.com Library: Volume III* is done without any implied endorsement by Ron Paul.

In many ways, according to conventional wisdom, my off-and-on career in Congress, from 1976 to 2012, accomplished very little. No named legislation, no named federal buildings or highways—thank goodness. In spite of my efforts, the government has grown exponentially, taxes remain excessive, and the prolific increase of incomprehensible regulations continues. Wars are constant and pursued without Congressional declaration, deficits rise to the sky, poverty is rampant and dependency on the federal government is now worse than any time in our history.

All this with minimal concerns for the deficits and unfunded liabilities that common sense tells us cannot go on much longer. A grand, but never mentioned, bipartisan agreement allows for the well-kept secret that keeps the spending going. One side doesn't give up one penny on military spending, the other side doesn't give up one penny on welfare spending, while both sides support the bailouts and subsidies for the banking and corporate elite. And the spending continues as the economy weakens and the downward spiral continues. As the government continues fiddling around, our liberties and our wealth burn in the flames of a foreign policy that makes us less safe.

The major stumbling block to real change in Washington is the total resistance to admitting that the country is broke. This has made compromising, just to agree to increase spending, inevitable since neither side has any intention of cutting spending.

The country and the Congress will remain divisive since there's no "loot left to divvy up."

Without this recognition the spenders in Washington will continue the march toward a fiscal cliff much bigger than the one anticipated this coming January.

I have thought a lot about why those of us who believe in liberty, as a solution, have done so poorly in convincing others of its benefits. If liberty is what we claim it is- the principle that protects all personal, social and economic decisions necessary for maximum prosperity and the best chance for peace- it should be an easy sell. Yet, history has shown that the masses have been quite receptive to the promises of authoritarians which are rarely if ever fulfilled.

## **Authoritarianism vs. Liberty**

If authoritarianism leads to poverty and war and less freedom for all individuals and is controlled by rich special interests, the people should be begging for liberty. There certainly was a strong enough sentiment for more freedom at the time of our founding that motivated those who were willing to fight in the revolution against the powerful British government.

During my time in Congress the appetite for liberty has been quite weak; the understanding of its significance negligible. Yet the good news is that compared to 1976 when I first came to Congress, the desire for more freedom and less government in 2012 is much greater and growing, especially in grassroots America. Tens of thousands of teenagers and college age students are, with great enthusiasm, welcoming the message of liberty.

I have a few thoughts as to why the people of a country like ours, once the freest and most prosperous, allowed the conditions to deteriorate to the degree that they have.

Freedom, private property, and enforceable voluntary contracts, generate wealth. In our early history we were very much aware of this. But in the early part of the 20th century our politicians promoted the notion that the tax and monetary systems had to change if we were to involve ourselves in excessive domestic and military spending. That is why Congress gave us the Federal Reserve and the income tax. The majority of Americans and many government officials agreed that sacrificing some liberty was necessary to carry out what some claimed to be “progressive” ideas. Pure democracy became acceptable.

They failed to recognize that what they were doing was exactly opposite of what the colonists were seeking when they broke away from the British.

Some complain that my arguments makes no sense, since great wealth and the standard of living improved for many Americans over the last 100 years, even with these new policies.

But the damage to the market economy, and the currency, has been insidious and steady. It took a long time to consume our wealth, destroy the currency and undermine productivity and get our financial obligations to a point of no return. Confidence sometimes lasts longer than deserved. Most of our wealth today depends on debt.



The wealth that we enjoyed and seemed to be endless, allowed concern for the principle of a free society to be neglected. As long as most people believed the material abundance would last forever, worrying about protecting a competitive productive economy and individual liberty seemed unnecessary.

### **The Age of Redistribution**

This neglect ushered in an age of redistribution of wealth by government kowtowing to any and all special interests, except for those who just wanted to be left alone. That is why today money in politics far surpasses money currently going into research and development and productive entrepreneurial efforts.

The material benefits became more important than the understanding and promoting the principles of liberty and a free market. It is good that material abundance is a result of liberty but if materialism is all that we care about, problems are guaranteed.

The crisis arrived because the illusion that wealth and prosperity would last forever has ended. Since it was based on debt and a pretense that debt can be papered over by an out-of-control fiat monetary system, it was doomed to fail. We have ended up with a system that doesn't produce enough even to finance the debt and no fundamental understanding of why a free society is crucial to reversing these trends.

If this is not recognized, the recovery will linger for a long time. Bigger government, more spending, more debt, more poverty for the middle class, and a more intense scramble by the elite special interests will continue.

### **We Need an Intellectual Awakening**

Without an intellectual awakening, the turning point will be driven by economic law. A dollar crisis will bring the current out-of-control system to its knees.

If it's not accepted that big government, fiat money, ignoring liberty, central economic planning, welfarism, and warfarism caused our crisis we can expect a continuous and dangerous march toward corporatism and even fascism with even more loss of our liberties. Prosperity for a large middle class though will become an abstract dream.

This continuous move is no different than what we have seen in how our financial crisis of 2008 was handled. Congress first directed, with bipartisan support, bailouts for the wealthy. Then it was the Federal Reserve with its endless quantitative easing. If at first it doesn't succeed try again; QE1, QE2, and QE3 and with no results we try QE indefinitely—that is until it too fails. There's a cost to all of this and let me assure you delaying the payment is no longer an option. The rules of the market will extract its pound of flesh and it won't be pretty.

The current crisis elicits a lot of pessimism. And the pessimism adds to less confidence in the future. The two feed on themselves, making our situation worse.

If the underlying cause of the crisis is not understood we cannot solve our problems. The issues of warfare, welfare, deficits, inflationism, corporatism, bailouts and authoritarianism cannot be ignored. By only expanding these policies we cannot expect good results.

Everyone claims support for freedom. But too often it's for one's own freedom and not for others. Too many believe that there must be limits on freedom. They argue that freedom must be directed and managed to achieve fairness and equality thus making it acceptable to curtail, through force, certain liberties.

Some decide what and whose freedoms are to be limited. These are the politicians whose goal in life is power. Their success depends on gaining support from special interests.

### **No More 'isms'**

The great news is the answer is not to be found in more "isms." The answers are to be found in more liberty which cost so much less. Under these circumstances spending goes down, wealth production goes up, and the quality of life improves.

Just this recognition—especially if we move in this direction—increases optimism which in itself is beneficial. The follow through with sound policies are required which must be understood and supported by the people.

But there is good evidence that the generation coming of age at the present time is supportive of moving in the direction of more liberty and self-reliance. The more this change in direction and the solutions become known, the quicker will be the return of optimism.

Our job, for those of us who believe that a different system than the one that we have had for the last 100 years, has driven us to this unsustainable crisis, is to be more convincing that there is a wonderful, uncomplicated, and moral system that provides the answers. We had a taste of it in our early history. We need not give up on the notion of advancing this cause.

It worked, but we allowed our leaders to concentrate on the material abundance that freedom generates, while ignoring freedom itself. Now we have neither, but the door is open, out of necessity, for an answer. The answer available is based on the Constitution, individual liberty and prohibiting the use of government force to provide privileges and benefits to all special interests.

After over 100 years we face a society quite different from the one that was intended by the Founders. In many ways their efforts to protect future generations with the Constitution from this danger has failed. Skeptics, at the time the Constitution was written in 1787, warned us of today's possible outcome. The insidious nature of the erosion of our liberties and the reassurance our great abundance gave us, allowed the process to evolve into the dangerous period in which we now live.

### **Dependency on Government Largesse**

Today we face a dependency on government largesse for almost every need. Our liberties are restricted and government operates outside the rule of law, protecting and rewarding those who buy or coerce government into satisfying their demands. Here are a few examples:

- Undeclared wars are commonplace.
- Welfare for the rich and poor is considered an entitlement.
- The economy is overregulated, overtaxed and grossly distorted by a deeply flawed monetary system.

- Debt is growing exponentially.
- The Patriot Act and FISA legislation passed without much debate have resulted in a steady erosion of our 4th Amendment rights.
- Tragically our government engages in preemptive war, otherwise known as aggression, with no complaints from the American people.
- The drone warfare we are pursuing worldwide is destined to end badly for us as the hatred builds for innocent lives lost and the international laws flaunted. Once we are financially weakened and militarily challenged, there will be a lot of resentment thrown our way.
- It's now the law of the land that the military can arrest American citizens, hold them indefinitely, without charges or a trial.
- Rampant hostility toward free trade is supported by a large number in Washington.
- Supporters of sanctions, currency manipulation and WTO trade retaliation, call the true free traders "isolationists."
- Sanctions are used to punish countries that don't follow our orders.
- Bailouts and guarantees for all kinds of misbehavior are routine.
- Central economic planning through monetary policy, regulations and legislative mandates has been an acceptable policy.

## Questions

Excessive government has created such a mess it prompts many questions:

- Why are sick people who use medical marijuana put in prison?
- Why does the federal government restrict the drinking of raw milk?
- Why can't Americans manufacture rope and other products from hemp?
- Why are Americans not allowed to use gold and silver as legal tender as mandated by the Constitution?
- Why is Germany concerned enough to consider repatriating their gold held by the FED for her in New York? Is it that the trust in the U.S. and dollar supremacy beginning to wane?
- Why do our political leaders believe it's unnecessary to thoroughly audit our own gold?
- Why can't Americans decide which type of light bulbs they can buy?
- Why is the TSA permitted to abuse the rights of any American traveling by air?

- Why should there be mandatory sentences—even up to life for crimes without victims—as our drug laws require?
- Why have we allowed the federal government to regulate commodities in our homes?
- Why is it political suicide for anyone to criticize AIPAC ?
- Why haven't we given up on the drug war since it's an obvious failure and violates the people's rights? Has nobody noticed that the authorities can't even keep drugs out of the prisons? How can making our entire society a prison solve the problem?
- Why do we sacrifice so much getting needlessly involved in border disputes and civil strife around the world and ignore the root cause of the most deadly border in the world—the one between Mexico and the US?
- Why does Congress willingly give up its prerogatives to the Executive Branch?
- Why does changing the party in power never change policy? Could it be that the views of both parties are essentially the same?
- Why did the big banks, the large corporations, and foreign banks and foreign central banks get bailed out in 2008 and the middle class lost their jobs and their homes?
- Why do so many in the government and the federal officials believe that creating money out of thin air creates wealth?
- Why do so many accept the deeply flawed principle that government bureaucrats and politicians can protect us from ourselves without totally destroying the principle of liberty?
- Why can't people understand that war always destroys wealth and liberty?
- Why is there so little concern for the Executive Order that gives the President authority to establish a "kill list," including American citizens, of those targeted for assassination?
- Why is patriotism thought to be blind loyalty to the government and the politicians who run it, rather than loyalty to the principles of liberty and support for the people? Real patriotism is a willingness to challenge the government when it's wrong.
- Why is it claimed that if people won't or can't take care of their own needs, that people in government can do it for them?
- Why did we ever give the government a safe haven for initiating violence against the people?
- Why do some members defend free markets, but not civil liberties?
- Why do some members defend civil liberties but not free markets? Aren't they the same?
- Why don't more defend both economic liberty and personal liberty?

- Why are there not more individuals who seek to intellectually influence others to bring about positive changes than those who seek power to force others to obey their commands?
- Why does the use of religion to support a social gospel and preemptive wars, both of which requires authoritarians to use violence, or the threat of violence, go unchallenged? Aggression and forced redistribution of wealth has nothing to do with the teachings of the world great religions.
- Why do we allow the government and the Federal Reserve to disseminate false information dealing with both economic and foreign policy?
- Why is democracy held in such high esteem when it's the enemy of the minority and makes all rights relative to the dictates of the majority?
- Why should anyone be surprised that Congress has no credibility, since there's such a disconnect between what politicians say and what they do?

Is there any explanation for all the deception, the unhappiness, the fear of the future, the loss of confidence in our leaders, the distrust, the anger and frustration? Yes there is, and there's a way to reverse these attitudes. The negative perceptions are logical and a consequence of bad policies bringing about our problems. Identification of the problems and recognizing the cause allow the proper changes to come easy.

### **Trust Yourself, Not the Government**

Too many people have for too long placed too much confidence and trust in government and not enough in themselves. Fortunately, many are now becoming aware of the seriousness of the gross mistakes of the past several decades. The blame is shared by both political parties. Many Americans now are demanding to hear the plain truth of things and want the demagoguing to stop. Without this first step, solutions are impossible.

Seeking the truth and finding the answers in liberty and self-reliance promotes the optimism necessary for restoring prosperity. The task is not that difficult if politics doesn't get in the way.

We have allowed ourselves to get into such a mess for various reasons.

Politicians deceive themselves as to how wealth is produced. Excessive confidence is placed in the judgment of politicians and bureaucrats. This replaces the confidence in a free society. Too many in high places of authority became convinced that only they, armed with arbitrary government power, can bring about fairness, while facilitating wealth production. This always proves to be a utopian dream and destroys wealth and liberty. It impoverishes the people and rewards the special interests who end up controlling both political parties.

It's no surprise then that much of what goes on in Washington is driven by aggressive partisanship and power seeking, with philosophic differences being minor.

### **Economic Ignorance**

Economic ignorance is commonplace. Keynesianism continues to thrive, although today it is facing healthy and enthusiastic rebuttals. Believers in military Keynesianism and domestic Keynesianism continue to desperately promote their failed policies, as the economy languishes in a deep slumber.

Supporters of all government edicts use humanitarian arguments to justify them.

Humanitarian arguments are always used to justify government mandates related to the economy, monetary policy, foreign policy, and personal liberty. This is on purpose to make it more difficult to challenge. But, initiating violence for humanitarian reasons is still violence. Good intentions are no excuse and are just as harmful as when people use force with bad intentions. The results are always negative.

The immoral use of force is the source of man's political problems. Sadly, many religious groups, secular organizations, and psychopathic authoritarians endorse government initiated force to change the world. Even when the desired goals are well-intentioned—or especially when well-intentioned—the results are dismal. The good results sought never materialize. The new problems created require even more government force as a solution. The net result is institutionalizing government initiated violence and morally justifying it on humanitarian grounds.

This is the same fundamental reason our government uses force for invading other countries at will, central economic planning at home, and the regulation of personal liberty and habits of our citizens.

It is rather strange, that unless one has a criminal mind and no respect for other people and their property, no one claims it's permissible to go into one's neighbor's house and tell them how to behave, what they can eat, smoke and drink or how to spend their money.

Yet, rarely is it asked why it is morally acceptable that a stranger with a badge and a gun can do the same thing in the name of law and order. Any resistance is met with brute force, fines, taxes, arrests, and even imprisonment. This is done more frequently every day without a proper search warrant.

### **No Government Monopoly over Initiating Violence**

Restraining aggressive behavior is one thing, but legalizing a government monopoly for initiating aggression can only lead to exhausting liberty associated with chaos, anger and the breakdown of civil society. Permitting such authority and expecting saintly behavior from the bureaucrats and the politicians is a pipe dream. We now have a standing army of armed bureaucrats in the TSA, CIA, FBI, Fish and Wildlife, FEMA, IRS, Corp of Engineers, etc. numbering over 100,000. Citizens are guilty until proven innocent in the unconstitutional administrative courts.

Government in a free society should have no authority to meddle in social activities or the economic transactions of individuals. Nor should government meddle in the affairs of other nations. All things peaceful, even when controversial, should be permitted.

We must reject the notion of prior restraint in economic activity just we do in the area of free speech and religious liberty. But even in these areas government is starting to use a backdoor approach of political correctness to regulate speech-a dangerous trend. Since 9/11 monitoring speech on the internet is now a problem since warrants are no longer required.



## **The Proliferation of Federal Crimes**

The Constitution established four federal crimes. Today the experts can't even agree on how many federal crimes are now on the books—they number into the thousands. No one person can comprehend the enormity of the legal system—especially the tax code. Due to the ill-advised drug war and the endless federal expansion of the criminal code we have over 6 million people under correctional suspension, more than the Soviets ever had, and more than any other nation today, including China. I don't understand the complacency of the Congress and the willingness to continue their obsession with passing more Federal laws. Mandatory sentencing laws associated with drug laws have compounded our prison problems.

The federal register is now 75,000 pages long and the tax code has 72,000 pages, and expands every year. When will the people start shouting, "enough is enough," and demand Congress cease and desist.

## **Achieving Liberty**

Liberty can only be achieved when government is denied the aggressive use of force. If one seeks liberty, a precise type of government is needed. To achieve it, more than lip service is required.

Two choices are available.

1. A government designed to protect liberty—a natural right—as its sole objective. The people are expected to care for themselves and reject the use of any force for interfering with another person's liberty. Government is given a strictly limited authority to enforce contracts, property ownership, settle disputes, and defend against foreign aggression.
2. A government that pretends to protect liberty but is granted power to arbitrarily use force over the people and foreign nations. Though the grant of power many times is meant to be small and limited, it inevitably metastasizes into an omnipotent political cancer. This is the problem for which the world has suffered throughout the ages. Though meant to be limited it nevertheless is a 100% sacrifice of a principle that would-be-tyrants find irresistible. It is used vigorously—though incrementally and insidiously. Granting power to government officials always proves the adage that: "power corrupts."

Once government gets a limited concession for the use of force to mold people habits and plan the economy, it causes a steady move toward tyrannical government. Only a revolutionary spirit can reverse the process and deny to the government this arbitrary use of aggression. There's no in-between. Sacrificing a little liberty for imaginary safety always ends badly.

Today's mess is a result of Americans accepting option #2, even though the Founders attempted to give us Option #1.

The results are not good. As our liberties have been eroded our wealth has been consumed. The wealth we see today is based on debt and a foolish willingness on the part of foreigners to take our dollars for goods and services. They then loan them back to us to perpetuate our debt system. It's amazing that it has worked for this long but the impasse in Washington, in solving our problems indicate that many are starting to understand the seriousness of the world -wide debt crisis and the dangers we face. The longer this process continues the harsher the outcome will be.

### **The Financial Crisis Is a Moral Crisis**

Many are now acknowledging that a financial crisis looms but few understand it's, in reality, a moral crisis. It's the moral crisis that has allowed our liberties to be undermined and permits the exponential growth of illegal government power. Without a clear understanding of the nature of the crisis it will be difficult to prevent a steady march toward tyranny and the poverty that will accompany it.

Ultimately, the people have to decide which form of government they want; option #1 or option #2. There is no other choice. Claiming there is a choice of a "little" tyranny is like describing pregnancy as a "touch of pregnancy." It is a myth to believe that a mixture of free markets and government central economic planning is a worthy compromise. What we see today is a result of that type of thinking. And the results speak for themselves.

## **A Culture of Violence**

Americans now suffer from a culture of violence. It's easy to reject the initiation of violence against one's neighbor but it's ironic that the people arbitrarily and freely anoint government officials with monopoly power to initiate violence against the American people—practically at will.

Because it's the government that initiates force, most people accept it as being legitimate. Those who exert the force have no sense of guilt. It is believed by too many that governments are morally justified in initiating force supposedly to "do good." They incorrectly believe that this authority has come from the "consent of the people." The minority, or victims of government violence never consented to suffer the abuse of government mandates, even when dictated by the majority. Victims of TSA excesses never consented to this abuse.

This attitude has given us a policy of initiating war to "do good," as well. It is claimed that war, to prevent war for noble purposes, is justified. This is similar to what we were once told that: "destroying a village to save a village" was justified. It was said by a US Secretary of State that the loss of 500,000 Iraqis, mostly children, in the 1990s, as a result of American bombs and sanctions, was "worth it" to achieve the "good" we brought to the Iraqi people. And look at the mess that Iraq is in today.

Government use of force to mold social and economic behavior at home and abroad has justified individuals using force on their own terms. The fact that violence by government is seen as morally justified, is the reason why violence will increase when the big financial crisis hits and becomes a political crisis as well.

First, we recognize that individuals shouldn't initiate violence, then we give the authority to government. Eventually, the immoral use of government violence, when things go badly, will be used to justify an individual's "right" to do the same thing. Neither the government nor individuals have the moral right to initiate violence against another yet we are moving toward the day when both will claim this authority. If this cycle is not reversed society will break down.

When needs are pressing, conditions deteriorate and rights become relative to the demands and the whims of the majority. It's then not a great leap for individuals to take it upon themselves to use violence to get what they claim is theirs. As the economy deteriorates and the wealth discrepancies increase—as are already occurring— violence increases as those in need take it in their own hands to get what they believe is theirs. They will not wait for a government rescue program.

When government officials wield power over others to bail out the special interests, even with disastrous results to the average citizen, they feel no guilt for the harm they do. Those who take us into undeclared wars with many casualties resulting, never lose sleep over the death and destruction their bad decisions caused. They are convinced that what they do is morally justified, and the fact that many suffer just can't be helped.

When the street criminals do the same thing, they too have no remorse, believing they are only taking what is rightfully theirs. All moral standards become relative. Whether it's bailouts, privileges, government subsidies or benefits for some from inflating a currency, it's all part of a process justified by a philosophy of forced redistribution of wealth. Violence, or a threat of such, is the instrument required and unfortunately is of little concern of most members of Congress.

Some argue it's only a matter of "fairness" that those in need are cared for. There are two problems with this. First, the principle is used to provide a greater amount of benefits to the rich than the poor. Second, no one seems to be concerned about whether or not it's fair to those who end up paying for the benefits. The costs are usually placed on the backs of the middle class and are hidden from the public eye. Too many people believe government handouts are free, like printing money out of thin air, and there is no cost. That deception is coming to an end. The bills are coming due and that's what the economic slowdown is all about.

Sadly, we have become accustomed to living with the illegitimate use of force by government. It is the tool for telling the people how to live, what to eat and drink, what to read and how to spend their money.

To develop a truly free society, the issue of initiating force must be understood and rejected. Granting to government even a small amount of force is a dangerous concession.

## **Limiting Government Excesses vs. a Virtuous Moral People**

Our Constitution, which was intended to limit government power and abuse, has failed. The Founders warned that a free society depends on a virtuous and moral people. The current crisis reflects that their concerns were justified.

Most politicians and pundits are aware of the problems we face but spend all their time in trying to reform government. The sad part is that the suggested reforms almost always lead to less freedom and the importance of a virtuous and moral people is either ignored, or not understood. The new reforms serve only to further undermine liberty. The compounding effect has given us this steady erosion of liberty and the massive expansion of debt. The real question is: if it is liberty we seek, should most of the emphasis be placed on government reform or trying to understand what “a virtuous and moral people” means and how to promote it. The Constitution has not prevented the people from demanding handouts for both rich and poor in their efforts to reform the government, while ignoring the principles of a free society. All branches of our government today are controlled by individuals who use their power to undermine liberty and enhance the welfare/warfare state-and frequently their own wealth and power.

If the people are unhappy with the government performance it must be recognized that government is merely a reflection of an immoral society that rejected a moral government of constitutional limitations of power and love of freedom.

If this is the problem all the tinkering with thousands of pages of new laws and regulations will do nothing to solve the problem.

It is self-evident that our freedoms have been severely limited and the apparent prosperity we still have, is nothing more than leftover wealth from a previous time. This fictitious wealth based on debt and benefits from a false trust in our currency and credit, will play havoc with our society when the bills come due. This means that the full consequence of our lost liberties is yet to be felt.

But that illusion is now ending. Reversing a downward spiral depends on accepting a new approach.

Expect the rapidly expanding homeschooling movement to play a significant role in the revolutionary reforms needed to build a free society with Constitutional protections. We cannot expect a Federal government controlled school system to provide the intellectual ammunition to combat the dangerous growth of government that threatens our liberties.

The internet will provide the alternative to the government/media complex that controls the news and most political propaganda. This is why it's essential that the internet remains free of government regulation.

Many of our religious institutions and secular organizations support greater dependency on the state by supporting war, welfare and corporatism and ignore the need for a virtuous people.

I never believed that the world or our country could be made more free by politicians, if the people had no desire for freedom.

Under the current circumstances the most we can hope to achieve in the political process is to use it as a podium to reach the people to alert them of the nature of the crisis and the importance of their need to assume responsibility for themselves, if it is liberty that they truly seek. Without this, a constitutionally protected free society is impossible.

If this is true, our individual goal in life ought to be for us to seek virtue and excellence and recognize that self-esteem and happiness only comes from using one's natural ability, in the most productive manner possible, according to one's own talents.

Productivity and creativity are the true source of personal satisfaction. Freedom, and not dependency, provides the environment needed to achieve these goals. Government cannot do this for us; it only gets in the way. When the government gets involved, the goal becomes a bailout or a subsidy and these cannot provide a sense of personal achievement.

Achieving legislative power and political influence should not be our goal. Most of the change, if it is to come, will not come from the politicians, but rather from individuals, family, friends, intellectual leaders and our religious institutions. The solution can only come from rejecting the use of coercion, compulsion, government commands, and aggressive force, to mold social and economic behavior. Without accepting these restraints, inevitably the consensus will be to allow the government to mandate economic equality and obedience to the politicians who gain power and promote an environment that smothers the freedoms of everyone. It is then that the responsible individuals who seek excellence and self-esteem by being self-reliance and productive, become the true victims.

## **Conclusion**

What are the greatest dangers that the American people face today and impede the goal of a free society? There are five.

1. The continuous attack on our civil liberties which threatens the rule of law and our ability to resist the onrush of tyranny.
2. Violent anti-Americanism that has engulfed the world. Because the phenomenon of “blow-back” is not understood or denied, our foreign policy is destined to keep us involved in many wars that we have no business being in. National bankruptcy and a greater threat to our national security will result.
3. The ease in which we go to war, without a declaration by Congress, but accepting international authority from the UN or NATO even for preemptive wars, otherwise known as aggression.
4. A financial political crisis as a consequence of excessive debt, unfunded liabilities, spending, bailouts, and gross discrepancy in wealth distribution going from the middle class to the rich. The danger of central economic planning, by the Federal Reserve must be understood.
5. World government taking over local and US sovereignty by getting involved in the issues of war, welfare, trade, banking, a world currency, taxes, property ownership, and private ownership of guns.

Happily, there is an answer for these very dangerous trends.

What a wonderful world it would be if everyone accepted the simple moral premise of rejecting all acts of aggression. The retort to such a suggestion is always: it's too simplistic, too idealistic, impractical, naïve, utopian, dangerous, and unrealistic to strive for such an ideal.

The answer to that is that for thousands of years the acceptance of government force, to rule over the people, at the sacrifice of liberty, was considered moral and the only available option for achieving peace and prosperity.

What could be more utopian than that myth—considering the results especially looking at the state sponsored killing, by nearly every government during the 20th Century, estimated to be in the hundreds of millions. It's time to reconsider this grant of authority to the state.

No good has ever come from granting monopoly power to the state to use aggression against the people to arbitrarily mold human behavior. Such power, when left unchecked, becomes the seed of an ugly tyranny. This method of governance has been adequately tested, and the results are in: reality dictates we try liberty.

The idealism of non-aggression and rejecting all offensive use of force should be tried. The idealism of government sanctioned violence has been abused throughout history and is the primary source of poverty and war. The theory of a society being based on individual freedom has been around for a long time. It's time to take a bold step and actually permit it by advancing this cause, rather than taking a step backwards as some would like us to do.

Today the principle of habeas corpus, established when King John signed the Magna Carta in 1215, is under attack. There's every reason to believe that a renewed effort with the use of the internet that we can instead advance the cause of liberty by spreading an uncensored message that will serve to rein in government authority and challenge the obsession with war and welfare.

What I'm talking about is a system of government guided by the moral principles of peace and tolerance.



The Founders were convinced that a free society could not exist without a moral people. Just writing rules won't work if the people choose to ignore them. Today the rule of law written in the Constitution has little meaning for most Americans, especially those who work in Washington DC.

Benjamin Franklin claimed "only a virtuous people are capable of freedom." John Adams concurred: "Our Constitution was made for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

A moral people must reject all violence in an effort to mold people's beliefs or habits.

A society that boos or ridicules the Golden Rule is not a moral society. All great religions endorse the Golden Rule. The same moral standards that individuals are required to follow should apply to all government officials. They cannot be exempt.

The ultimate solution is not in the hands of the government.

The solution falls on each and every individual, with guidance from family, friends and community.

The #1 responsibility for each of us is to change ourselves with hope that others will follow. This is of greater importance than working on changing the government; that is secondary to promoting a virtuous society. If we can achieve this, then the government will change.

It doesn't mean that political action or holding office has no value. At times it does nudge policy in the right direction. But what is true is that when seeking office is done for personal aggrandizement, money or power, it becomes useless if not harmful. When political action is taken for the right reasons it's easy to understand why compromise should be avoided. It also becomes clear why progress is best achieved by working with coalitions, which bring people together, without anyone sacrificing his principles.

Political action, to be truly beneficial, must be directed toward changing the hearts and minds of the people, recognizing that it's the virtue and morality of the people that allow liberty to flourish.

The Constitution or more laws per se, have no value if the people's attitudes aren't changed.

To achieve liberty and peace, two powerful human emotions have to be overcome. Number one is “envy” which leads to hate and class warfare. Number two is “intolerance” which leads to bigoted and judgemental policies. These emotions must be replaced with a much better understanding of love, compassion, tolerance and free market economics. Freedom, when understood, brings people together. When tried, freedom is popular.

The problem we have faced over the years has been that economic interventionists are swayed by envy, whereas social interventionists are swayed by intolerance of habits and lifestyles. The misunderstanding that tolerance is an endorsement of certain activities, motivates many to legislate moral standards which should only be set by individuals making their own choices. Both sides use force to deal with these misplaced emotions. Both are authoritarians. Neither endorses voluntarism. Both views ought to be rejected.

I have come to one firm conviction after these many years of trying to figure out “the plain truth of things.” The best chance for achieving peace and prosperity, for the maximum number of people world-wide, is to pursue the cause of LIBERTY.

If you find this to be a worthwhile message, spread it throughout the land.

## **Why Libertarianism Fails: Thoughts On Ron Paul's Farewell Speech**

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On Wednesday, November 14, 2012, Ron Paul gave his amazing “farewell speech” on the House floor. Rep. Paul gave a summary of his career and his fight for liberty since 1976, as he enters retirement with a legacy for all of us to continue.

Themes brought up by Ron in his speech included the fiscal instability in this country, our increasing lust for war and violence, our ever-impulsive run on the Treasury and, to paraphrase Hayek, how the absolute worst of us are running the country.

However, there is a very important issue in Rep. Paul's speech which needs to be called to light, one that is ignored by most of his followers, especially his younger ones – that being the role of religion and morality in libertarianism.

To many libertarians, in fact probably most libertarians, have no use for such things. Wicca's Golden Rule of “Do whatever you want, just don't hurt anybody” becomes not the policy but the lifestyle.

There comes a point, however, when non-traditional social structures and immoral behaviors and lifestyles require regulation of some kind in order to function more conveniently. When the policy cannot sustain the lifestyle, the lifestyle then becomes the policy – i.e., liberalism.

This is not limited to traditional forms of vice – casual sex, excessive drugs and alcohol, prostitution, pornography, materialism, etc. – “vice” becomes all things in society.

Ron Paul states in his speech:

“Many are now acknowledging that a financial crisis looms but few understand it's, in reality, a moral crisis.”

Indeed. Why buy something you want, when you can set up a society based on debt and paper and get it for free? Why put more effort into managing your business, when you can get a free bailout, re-define property to control other people's use of your product, or launch a "minimum wage" lobbying campaign so you can secretly hire slave labor? Gas prices are going up, let's take over the Middle East and print up some more welfare programs while we wait!

"The Founders were convinced that a free society could not exist without a moral people. Just writing rules won't work if the people choose to ignore them. Today the rule of law written in the Constitution has little meaning for most Americans, especially those who work in Washington DC."

"Benjamin Franklin claimed 'only a virtuous people are capable of freedom.' John Adams concurred: 'Our Constitution was made for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.'"

"A society that boos or ridicules the Golden Rule is not a moral society."

"The misunderstanding that tolerance is an endorsement of certain activities, motivates many to legislate moral standards which should only be set by individuals making their own choices."

We should not go about banning and outlawing evil things and punishing sinners with fines and jail time. Libertarianism is correct on that. However, a libertarian society needs traditional values and institutions completely separated from government, with which libertarians should voluntarily associate. Otherwise, lie-cheat-steal-and-print liberalism will very quickly and very consensually return.

## **Life vs. Property: Re-examining a Key Libertarian Tenet**

*November 24, 2012*

The most notable feature of libertarianism, other than stereotypes about marijuana, is the right to private property. Every freedom is based on this right, as the right to make use of land and possessions without government intervention implies the right to use property for any purpose, the exceptions being force and fraud.

However, most libertarian philosophers go a step further. Rand and (especially) Rothbard based political and economic freedom not merely on land and possessions, but on an alleged “property right to one’s body”. This right is an irrevocable natural right endowed by our Creator, preventing such things as slavery.

This is not a good approach, at all. And it is showing itself in rather grim ways.

In *For A New Liberty: The Libertarian Manifesto*, Murray Rothbard proposed that the abortion issue be resolved by the future ability to induce premature births. This is now being promoted as “evictionism”, where advances in science would allow babies to grow in hospitals, with adoption as the woman’s option.

This is just plain sick and grim. And this mentality is showing itself in totalitarian ways too.

Children are being treated as property, being forced to carry RFID tracking devices in the schools. Most recently, a student in a Texas school, who objected to an all-day RFID badge on “Mark of the Beast” grounds, has just been expelled.

If children have a libertarian property right to their own bodies, with age of consent for alcohol, tobacco, and sexuality varying by societies and governments, why not have children be property under tyranny too?

The first genetically-modified embryos, derived from the DNA of three parents, are now one year old genetically-modified babies.

Life is not property. Life is better than property. Life owns property. Life controls property. Life nurtures property. Life enhances property. Libertarians who believe otherwise need to take a different approach, or we will not have the free society of Rothbard, but the malicious experiments of Mengele.

## **Details, Debates: Ignoring The Real Issue About The Fiscal Cliff**

*December 4, 2012*

The “fiscal cliff”, which has received much media coverage over the past few weeks, highlights the irresponsibility of our government and the consequences of our politicians’ waste and destruction over the past decade. Politicians, Democrat and Republican, have been arguing over what to cut, what to keep, what to fund, and what not to fund, as we approach our bankrupt nation’s long-dug grave.

However, we seem to be ignoring the true issue here.

President Obama and his army, that is, our Congress, have nothing but selfishness in mind as they continue to pass new laws, fund pointless agencies and causes, and, of course, waging wars one by one. This issue is being ignored as the American people become increasingly desensitized to theft and destruction.

Obama and Treasury Secretary Geithner recently proposed abolishing the debt limit altogether. This just proves that our politicians, including our “Tea Party” Republican House, have nothing but contempt and disregard for this country’s institutions, businesses, states, and people.

This “fiscal cliff” is a clever way to keep the media arguing with each other over unimportant details. There is one, and only one, issue here – the destruction of our country by our politicians. For it is not about Republicans and Democrats debating about programs and taxes. It is about Washington vs. the rest of us.

## **The Consequences of Promiscuity & Third-Wave Feminism**

*December 14, 2012*

Recently there have been some disturbing articles on TownHall.com regarding some rather strange forms of education at Yale.

There are now "pornography classes" which claim to be academic, with assignments including making your own porn (such as photographing your penis) as the thesis. Yale's "Sex Week" includes promotion and public exhibition of all forms of sexuality, including pornography, "porn star lookalike contests", promotion of promiscuity among the students, public display of bondage & domination, and more activities which most people wouldn't associate with "higher" education.

When I went to college (graduated from a four-year university in 2006) much of this was going on, though not to this degree of insanity.

Something which deserves attention is the treatment of women as sexual objects, with the open use of phrases like "slut" and "no means yes". Also, supporters of protected sex are being jeered at and attacked. In fact, the phrase "sexually transmitted disease" is no longer used, with HIV/AIDS and cancer-causing HPV having been minimized into mere "sexually transmitted infections", just like a small scab on your arm.

Normally one would think all of this is insensitive and degrading, especially with regards to women. However, the current third-wave of feminism *\*supports\** treating women as sexual objects, since gold-digging is considered a form of "empowerment" to feminists today. And being in bed with the Left, third-wave feminism considers Judeo-Christian values and faiths to be oppressive, equating them with 1950s gender roles, all while favoring the brutality that is Islam as "personal choice".

The consequences of all this are clear: man is de-evolving into ape. The glazed-eyed "pregnant teens" on MTV are indicative of the beginning of a destruction of reason, intelligence, and dignity and de-evolution into immaturity, stupidity, and subservience to corporate and governmental authorities.



This is not necessarily a matter of religion or morality. One could be in a monogamous gay relationship, or even the polygamous relationships practiced by the spin-off denominations of Mormonism, and not be a human chimpanzee.

A few months ago I saw a news report on TV about a fad where children are making YouTube videos about choking and strangling themselves (and instructing other children on the "best" way to do this) in order to achieve adrenaline rush. No longer are casual sex or drug and alcohol abuse necessary to achieve oneness with death - you can just kill yourself for fun.

This subconscious obsession with death needs to stop, and soon. Otherwise intelligence and dignity will become endangered, and ultimately, extinct.

## **Armageddon Is Here**

*December 20, 2012*

Tomorrow is December 21, 2012, the end of the Mayan calendar. Various predictions have been made about this date - natural disasters, physical changes in the way the Earth works, massive flooding, earthquakes, unusual solar phenomenon, dead or impaired radio, telephone, and/or computer functioning, extraterrestrials, the Rapture, the Tribulation, the coming of the Antichrist or the Second Coming of Christ - some major change, according to followers of this phenomenon.

Except that Change has been going on for many years now - protests, overthrown governments, terrorism and other acts of violence, inflation, unemployment, underemployment, record amounts of people using welfare programs, hacktivism, alternative media, unusual amounts of surveillance, the public's acceptance of airport pedophilia and drone surveillance when it supposedly protects them from terrorism, and much more. Change nobody ever thought would happen, un-American Change, and Change all around the world.

President Barack Obama, and his Pennsylvania mea culpa Joe Biden, ran on a platform of Change. They were elected twice, promising Change to a gullible, selfish American majority.

Never before in American history have we had a President like Barack Obama.

Here are some of the changes Barack Obama has made:

1. Seizing the student loan program.
2. Creating massive amounts of corporate subsidies, using the excuse that it will decrease unemployment.
3. Seizing of failing corporations and putting them under syndicalism.
4. Supporting enemies of secularism and enemies of Israel in his foreign policy.
5. Introducing extreme security procedures at airports, with technology and behavior so intrusive that it borders on sexual abuse, and threatening to blockade Texas when its legislature tried to stop him.
6. Forcing millions of unemployed and underemployed Americans to buy private health insurance or be fined by the IRS for tax evasion.

7. Having a secret presidential "kill list", and using it to kill at least two American citizens.
8. Gaining the right to make any American disappear, die, be tortured, and/or be sent to military prison, and have cameras fail or cut off when people on TV attempt to talk about it.
9. Intimidating conservative media by threatening to regulate their hard-money-dealing advertisers out of existence.
10. Using a random, unrelated government agency to seize domain names due to allegations of copyright infringement, including legitimate independent record labels and cloud storage services, losing, shredding, and blocking access to all data and evidence which could prove him wrong.
11. Starting a 10-year rollout of drones in American skies, that is, military weapons able to peep in your bedroom and shoot you from above, with no explanation given as to its necessity.

The list goes on.

Can you think of any US President in history who would destroy his own country through Change?

Do we want any more Change?

Regardless of the Mayan Calendar, Change is already here, and more and more Change is sure to come. We as a species have created our own Armageddon, and regardless of the supernatural, the world as we knew it ended a decade ago.

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